「異世界転生騒動記」
第１６話

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DOWDING COMPANY
I DIDN'T THINK I'D COME BACK TO THIS PLACE SO SOON
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COME ON
THIS PLACE IS IMPORTANT FOR OUR GOAL
WELL I DON'T REALLY MIND THAT MUCH
NO WAY
ESPECIALLY BECAUSE SEILURN HAD TO STAY BEHIND SINCE THIS IS A BUSINESS NEGOTIATION
LET'S GO ALREADY
VIVA BEING ALONE WITH BALUD
HEHE HEHE

I'M THOMAS PHILIPS I HANDLE FOREIGN COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS FOR THIS COMPANY
WELCOME SIR BALUD AND PRESIDENT SELINA
I LOOK FORWARD TO DEALING WITH YOU
DOWDING COMPANY FOREIGN COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR THOMAS PHILIPS
HAHAHA. GETTING STRAIGHT TO BUSINESS?
ABOUT THOSE HAIR CLEANING PRODUCTS...
NOW THEN.
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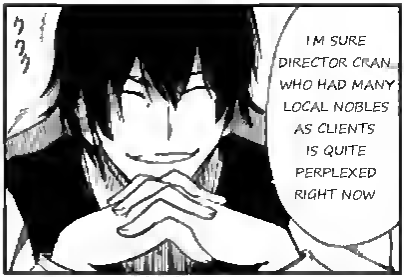
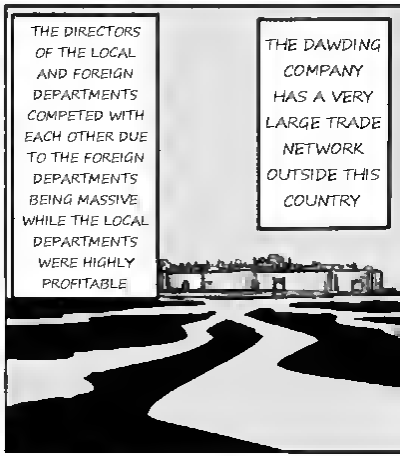

I'M SURE DIRECTOR CRAN WHO HAD MANY LOCAL NOBLES AS CLIENTS IS QUITE PERPLEXED RIGHT NOW

PEOPLE WANT TO KNOW IF OUR DAWDING COMPANY DEALS IN THOSE
I'VE BEEN GETTING QUITE A FEW INQUIRIES ABOUT THAT FROM OTHER COUNTRIES

AMONG ALL THOSE RIVALRIES HOWEVER CRAN AND THOMAS WERE FIGHTING EACH OTHER OVER THEIR POSITIONS IN THE RANKINGS


THE DIRECTORS OF THE LOCAL AND FOREIGN DEPARTMENTS COMPETED WITH EACH OTHER DUE TO THE FOREIGN DEPARTMENTS BEING MASSIVE WHILE THE LOCAL DEPARTMENTS WERE HIGHLY PROFITABLE
THE DAWDING COMPANY HAS A VERY LARGE TRADE NETWORK OUTSIDE THIS COUNTRY

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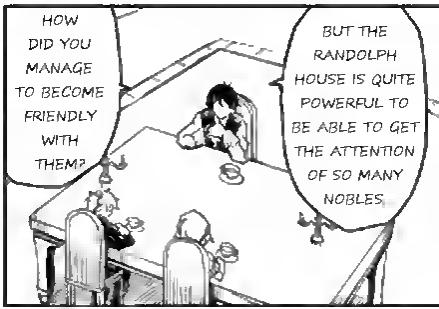
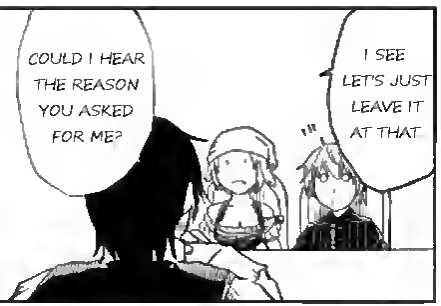
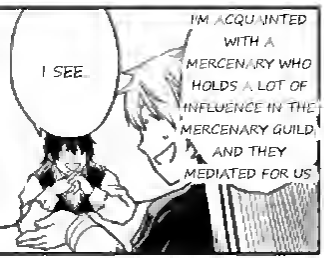

HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO BECOME FRIENDLY WITH THEM?
BUT THE RANDOLPH HOUSE IS QUITE POWERFUL TO BE ABLE TO GET THE ATTENTION OF SO MANY NOBLES.

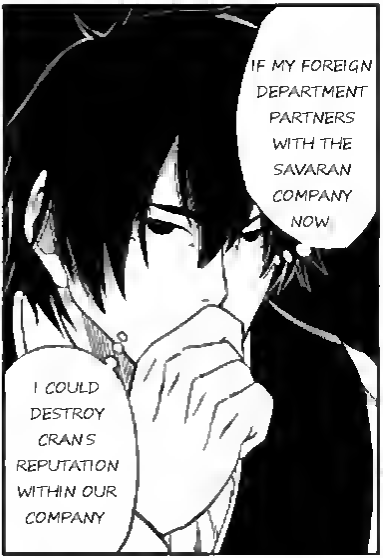

COULD I HEAR THE REASON YOU ASKED FOR ME?
I SEE LET'S JUST LEAVE IT AT THAT.

PLEASE FORGIVE ME!
I CAN'T JUST REVEAL THAT THE MARQUIS MADE A REALLY CONVENIENT PROMISE JUST TO AVOID HAVING HIS DAUGHTER HATE HIM

OH. SO YOU SPOKE TO THEM?

WHILE I OBVIOUSLY REFUSED, I SOON CAME UNDER ATTACK FROM SOME THUGS
DIRECTOR CRAN TRIED TO BUY MY COMPANY THE OTHER DAY.
EVEN THOUGH I HAD PREVIOUSLY SPOKEN TO THE UNDERGROUND GUILD


I SEE.
I'M ACQUAINTED WITH A MERCENARY WHO HOLDS A LOT OF INFLUENCE IN THE MERCENARY GUILD, AND THEY MEDIATED FOR US

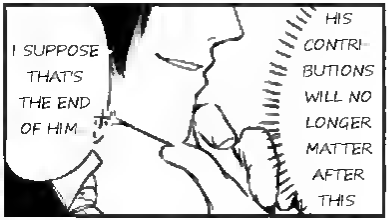

IF MY FOREIGN DEPARTMENT PARTNERS WITH THE SAVARAN COMPANY NOW
I COULD DESTROY CRAN'S REPUTATION WITHIN OUR COMPANY

BACK TO THE ORIGINAL TOPIC WHILE BUSINESS IS GOING WELL HERE...
THE SAME CAN'T BE SAID OF FOREIGN MARKETS

SO BASICALLY, YOU WANT TO BRING US IN TO HANDLE THE FOREIGN TRADE?
PRETTY MUCH

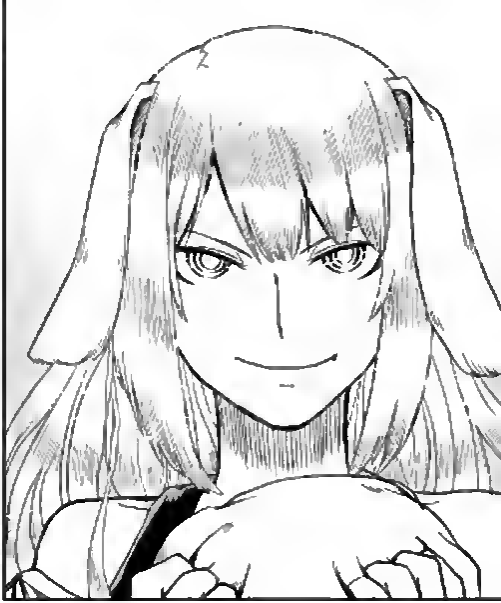
IF YOU ADD IN THE CASE WITH THE UNDERGROUND GUILD, CRAN'S VALUE WILL TAKE A BIG HIT...
DEMAND FOR SAVARAN'S HAIR CLEANING PRODUCT HAS SKYROCKETED WITHIN THE COUNTRY SO WHY HASN'T THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT MADE A DEAL WITH THEM?

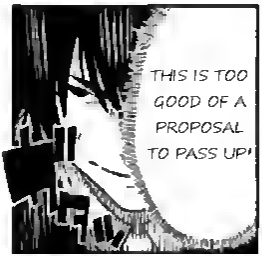
OH IT'S NOTHING I WAS JUST TALKING TO MYSELF
WHAT WAS THAT?

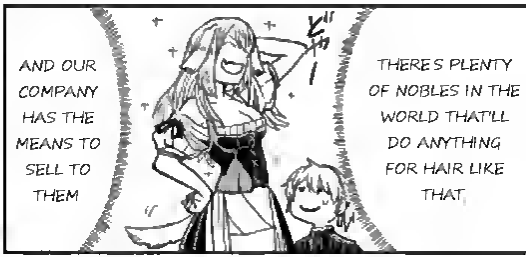

I SUPPOSE THAT'S THE END OF HIM
HIS CONTRIBUTIONS WILL NO LONGER MATTER AFTER THIS

AS MUCH AS WE'D LIKE TO EXPAND OUR MARKET WE HAVE LACK THE OUTLETS AND DISTRIBUTION CHANNELS FOR IT
WE REGARD THE DOWDING COMPANY'S TRADE NETWORK QUITE HIGHLY.
WHILE YOURS HAS DISTRIBUTION CHANNELS
OUR COMPANY HAS A PRODUCT
I BELIEVE WE CAN BE GREAT BUSINESS PARTNERS.

HER APPEARANCE YOU MIGHT MISTAKE HER BEAUTY FOR THAT OF A GODDESS
I'D HEARD THE RUMORS ABOUT IT. AND NOW I CAN SEE FOR MYSELF THE EFFECTS OF THEIR HAIR CLEANING PRODUCT.

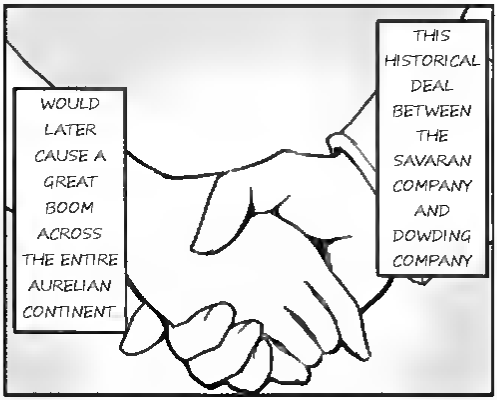


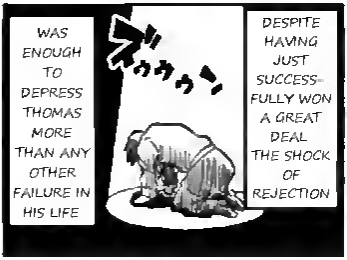

THIS IS TOO GOOD OF A PROPOSAL TO PASS UP!


AND OUR COMPANY HAS THE MEANS TO SELL TO THEM
THERE'S PLENTY OF NOBLES IN THE WORLD THAT'LL DO ANYTHING FOR HAIR LIKE THAT.

I LOOK FORWARD TO DEALING WITH YOU FROM NOW ON.
I HUMBLY ACCEPT YOUR PROPOSAL
MAURICIA IS A LARGE COUNTRY BUT OUR COMPANY IS THE ONLY ONE THAT COULD POSSIBLY MEET YOUR EXPECTATIONS

S-SO WHY DON'T THE TWO OF US GO OUT FOR DINNER TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE THIS DEAL?
HM?


THIS HISTORICAL DEAL BETWEEN THE SAVARAN COMPANY AND DOWDING COMPANY
WOULD LATER CAUSE A GREAT BOOM ACROSS THE ENTIRE AURELIAN CONTINENT


WAS ENOUGH TO DEPRESS THOMAS MORE THAN ANY OTHER FAILURE IN HIS LIFE
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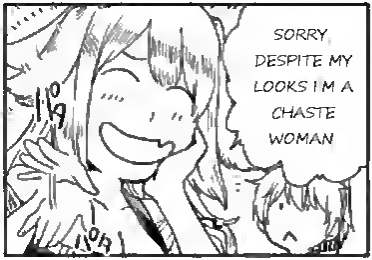
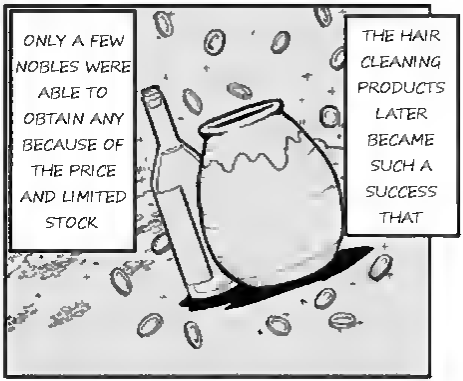
DESPITE HAVING JUST SUCCESS-FULLY WON A GREAT DEAL THE SHOCK OF REJECTION


SORRY DESPITE MY LOOKS I'M A CHASTE WOMAN

DAMN IT!


ONLY A FEW NOBLES WERE ABLE TO OBTAIN ANY BECAUSE OF THE PRICE AND LIMITED STOCK
THE HAIR CLEANING PRODUCTS LATER BECAME SUCH A SUCCESS THAT

DAMN IT ALL!
NOT ONLY DID THEY COMPLETELY FORGET ABOUT ALL I ACHIEVED FOR THE COMPANY
THEY EVEN FIRED ME!
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FUCK!
THOSE UN-GRATEFUL BAS-TARDS!
JUST YOU WAIT YOU LITTLE BITCH WHEN THE UNDERGROUND GUILD FINALLY ACCEPTS MY REQUEST
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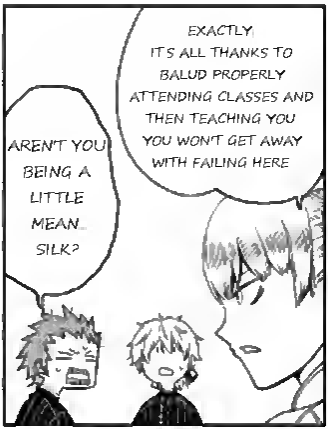
IT'S ALL THEIR FAULT
IF THEY JUST DISAP-PEARED
WHAT'S SO AMAZING ABOUT THAT STUPID HICK COMPANY?!
DAMNED SAVARAN COM-PANY

GET ME ANOTHER DRINK!
YOU'VE ALREADY HAD TOO MUCH
I DON'T GIVE A SHIT! GIMME THE STRONGEST YOU'VE GOT!
UGH.. DID I DRINK TOO MUCH?
!?
....YOU'RE A LITTLE TOO CLOSE TO OUR GUILD.
WE EVEN WARNED YOU SO MANY TIMES.

I'M ACTUALLY SHOWING YOU MERCY WITH THIS
NO, DO-

IT'S FINALLY THE DAY OF A PROMOTION EXAM IN THE SCHOOL
SCHOOL ARENA
THERE ARE 5 FIRST YEAR STUDENTS LOOKING TO EARN A PROMOTION TODAY
THOSE WHO CAN PROVE THEMSELVES ARE ABLE TO SKIP GRADES
WHILE NORMALLY TRAINING LASTS 4 YEARS
I'M FINALLY DONE WITH THAT.
THIS TEST CONSISTS OF A WRITTEN EXAM AND THEN FIGHTING A MOCK BATTLE WITH A SECOND YEAR STUDENT TO SHOW THEIR STRENGTH


EXACTLY. IT'S ALL THANKS TO BALUD PROPERLY ATTENDING CLASSES AND THEN TEACHING YOU YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH FAILING HERE
AREN'T YOU BEING A LITTLE MEAN... SILK?

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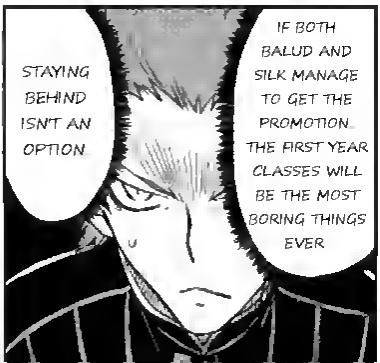
I MANAGED TO GET THROUGH THE WRITTEN EXAM SOMEHOW. NOW I JUST NEED TO GO WILD AND SHOW OFF.
THIS IS ALL THANKS TO BALUD HELPING ME WITH STUDYING

SWINGING A SWORD AROUND IS ALL HE KNOWS AFTER ALL
NELSON
I NEVER IMAGINED BROOKS MANAGING TO PASS THE WRITTEN EXAM
HERMES


STAYING BEHIND ISN'T AN OPTION
IF BOTH BALUD AND SILK MANAGE TO GET THE PROMOTION... THE FIRST YEAR CLASSES WILL BE THE MOST BORING THINGS EVER

I CAN GET STUFF DONE WHEN I TRY!
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SHUT IT! I DIDN'T ASK FOR YOUR COMMENTS!

IT'S TIME FOR THE AFTERNOON PROMOTION EXAM!
IS EVERYONE HERE?
REMEMBER THAT THE PURPOSE OF THIS TEST IS TO SEE IF YOU HAVE THE METTLE AND STRENGTH TO BE A PROPER KNIGHT.
WHILE A KNIGHT SHOULD SEEK VICTORY IN MORE THAN JUST BATTLE
I'LL JUST SAY THIS NOW, BUT THIS IS MERELY A TEST FOR GETTING A PROMOTION.
SECOND YEARS, SHOW THE FIRST YEARS HOW MASSIVE THE GAP BETWEEN THEM AND YOU IS!
FIRST YEARS, USE THIS CHANCE TO PRACTICE WITH A SECOND YEAR TO SHOW YOUR TRUE STRENGTH!

I WISH YOU LUCK IN YOUR BATTLES!

COME TO THE CENTER WHEN YOUR NAME IS CALLED!

YES, SIR!
SECOND YEAR, CUNNINGHAM

FIRST YEAR, BROOKS.
YEAH!

THIS IS AWESOME
DON'T LOSE TO A FIRST YEAR!
GET HIM!
BLOOD-THIRSTY MORON
START!

I'VE GOT YOU NOW!
WOAH!

QUIT SQUIRMING, DAMN IT!
HE HASN'T LANDED A SINGLE HIT!
THAT FIRST YEAR IS AMAZING!
GET IT TOGETHER, SECOND YEAR!
ESPECIALLY HIS KINETIC VISION.
BUT HE'S PRETTY IMPRESSIVE IN REALITY.
WELL I SUPPOSE HE DOES HAVE THAT KIND OF PERSONALITY
AMAZING. I THOUGHT BROOKS WAS ONLY GOOD AT CHARGING IN RECKLESSLY
AND NORMAL ATTACKS WILL NEVER HIT HIM.
BOOST HIS ALREADY EXTRAORDINARY KINETIC VISION WITH MAGIC

YOU'RE NOT GONNA WIN BY JUST DODGING ALL THE TIME!
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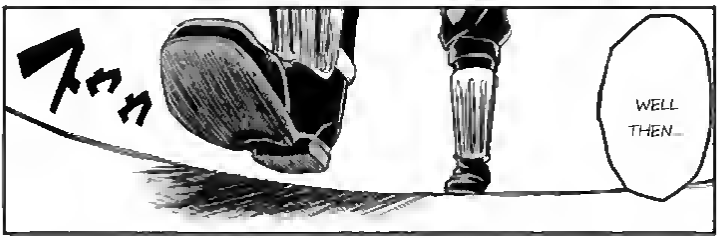
WHAT'S HE PLANNING?

THAT'S TRUE.
HE DISPELLED HIS STRENGTHENING MAGIC?


WELL THEN...

AS YOU WISH I'LL ATTACK NOW
H-HE'S GO-
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THE VICTOR IS BROOKS IRVIN!
ALRIGHT, I WON!
NORMAL STRENGTHENING MAGIC WOULDN'T LET HIM MOVE THAT FAST
HE FOCUSED A LARGE AMOUNT OF POWER IN ONE AREA FOR AN EXPLOSIVE BOOST.
IT'S A POWERFUL TECHNIQUE BUT DIFFICULT TO USE.
YET A FIRST YEAR MANAGED TO PULL IT OFF.

MY LEGS ARE SCREAMING IN AGONY!
IS THAT THE BACKLASH FROM CONCENTRATED STRENGTHENING?
IT HURTS!
I CAN'T EVEN STAND ANYMORE...
AND IT'S RIGHT AFTER YOU WON
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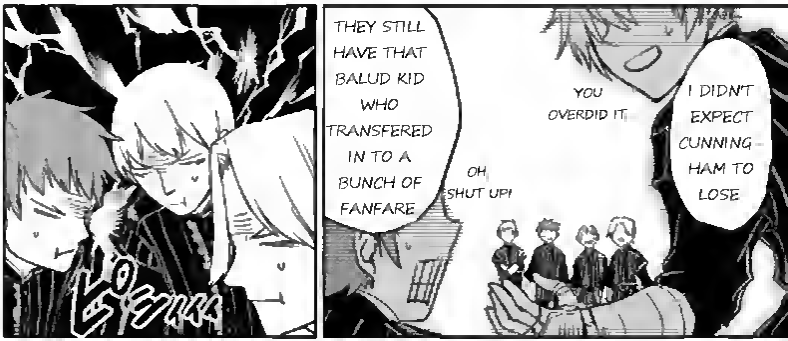
THEY STILL HAVE THAT BALUD KID WHO TRANSFERED IN TO A BUNCH OF FANFARE
OH SHUT UP!
YOU OVERDID IT
I DIDN'T EXPECT CUNNINGHAM TO LOSE

DON'T LET A FIRST YEAR BEAT YOU!
SHOW THEM THE SPIRIT OF THE SECOND YEARS!
LOSING ISN'T AN OPTION ISLANDS!
I KNOW!
DON'T YOU DARE LOSE TO A FIRST YEAR DAMN IT!

FIRST YEAR HERMES SECOND YEAR ISLANDS
BEGIN!
I DON'T FEEL ALL THAT CONFIDENT AFTER THE LAST MATCH
THEY'RE SUDDENLY CHEERING FOR ME
GET IM HERMES!
THE VICTOR IS ISLANDS DESCENT!
THE SECOND MATCH WAS A FIERCE FIGHT. INITIALLY IT WAS A DEADLOCK AS THE TWO ALL-ROUNDERS LACKED ANY KIND OF DECISIVE ATTACKS.
BUT ULTIMATELY ISLANDS WON DUE TO HIS EXPERIENCE AND STRENGTH.
RUNNING OUT OF PATIENCE HE AIMED FOR A TIE WITH HIS LAST ATTACK AND ALAN ACCEPTED THE CHALLENGE.
WHILE IT LASTED A WHILE, NELSON'S LACK OF EXPERIENCE TURNED THIS INTO A DISADVANTAGEOUS BATTLE.
THE THIRD MATCH WAS BETWEEN NELSON AND ALAN, WHO INSTEAD EXCHANGED MANY BLOWS.

THE VICTOR IS ALAN!
THEY TOOK EACH OTHER DOWN WITH THEIR ATTACKS BUT ALAN WAS ABLE TO GET BACK UP AFTERWARDS
FIRST YEAR.
NEXT MATCH.
YES!
SILK RANDOLPH.